

# =THE CLARION=

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Trinity Methodist Church

## From the Pastor's Study

## A Face Lifting Proceeds -----

"Paint up, clean up, fix up!" is the motto of the week! And well it might be! With the coming of the Spring, there is the need to clear out the accumulation of debris, dust, and junk, and to repair the ravages of winter. Our church home as well as our private homes need this kind of cleaning, painting, and fixing!

But this is not only true of our physical homes, the wood and brick and stone dwellings in which we live. It is also true of our spiritual homes, the feelings, and attitudes and thoughts that make our inner dwelling place. Here, too, debris collects, dust settles and junk accumulates. Clean and wholesome expectations get dulled by the dust and soot of little fears and specks of resentment. And we need a "Clean-up Campaign"!

This is true, not only of our individual spiritual dwellings, but also of the spiritual home of our community, our church. We need to use a brush dipped in forgiveness, the broom of a sensitive conscience, and the scouring pad of prayer! Thus may our dwellings stand clean and fresh under the warm rays of the summer sun!

Stanley J. Hallett

Trinity Church has been in an up-rear for two Saturday's. When the dust had settled (and swept up) the place looked remarkably changed. Collapsible tables were seen standing on their own four feet. Dividers that had been perforated, punctured, and otherwise malformed were new and shiny and respectable looking in their new paint. And the ceiling in the church office has fallen down about six feet to where it belongs. What's more, as attractive a crew of cooks and waitresses as ever stirred a stew, or spilled a cup of coffee served us a banquet fit for a king.

## TRINITY ART FESTIVAL \*\* MAY 27 \*\*

The arts will blossom forth on Sunday afternoon, May 27th, at Trinity Church. Who are the artists? Your fellow members of Trinity Church, and our friends in the Clinton Hill neighborhood. The list of contributors is growing rapidly, as hidden talents come to light. Already included are Mr. George Schumacher, Miss Emma Buehler, Rev. Earl Starkey, Mr. Fred Earle, Mrs. Stanley Hallett. If you know of others who might be inclined to hide their talents under a bushell, please notify us, Rt. 3-3278, that we can invite them to exhibit their work.

Music Program at 4:00 p.m.

The religious spirit has always sought to express itself through the creative arts, and so it is with us. Plan now to spend this Sunday afternoon in the refreshing and renewing atmosphere of the Trinity Arts Festival

The works of Mr. Frederick Earle will be featured by the Trinity Choir in a music program which will highlight the afternoon. Also participating will be The Orpheus Chamber Singers, and an instrumental group.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! April 1st is Sam Ford's Birthday. Happy Birthday Sam and many more of them. However, we think Sam is a jinx due to the fact that our Annual Dinner was postponed twice on account of blizzards and Sam picked the night we that are we to think? We hope the next date will prove successful and we'll look forward to seeing Miss Hummel's pictures with great anticipation at a later date.

A great deal of business was transacted at the last meeting of the Bible Class on March 14 at the home of Dorothy Forrester and in addition new officers were elected. The new officers for the ensuing year are mostly old officers composed of Elizabeth Williams, President; Jessie Ayers, Vice President; Dorothy Forrester, Recording Secretary; Anna Mason Treasurer; and Irene Hamlin, Corresponding Secretary.

The class at this time wishes to thank Elizabeth Williams for two wonderful years of progress and growth under her capable guidance and to again thank her for consenting to take the presidency for another year with the full co-operation of the class our next year, together should be an even greater year.

We welcome back our globe trotter and seasoned traveler Alice Coner and we are looking forward to seeing some beautiful pictures which she took on her recent cruise.

We are sorry to say that Nancy Pollack is back in the hospital after a lot back and we trust that she will soon be home.

The class has reduced the price of the french note paper for a quick sale. The new price is 9-25 and we hope the members of the Church will buy some of this beautiful paper as besides, we need the money. See Mrs. Cook, Miss Williams or Mrs. Geyer.  
Hable Cook

### CUB SCOUTS

Last month, at our Den meeting, a man from the Newark Museum brought some films of snakes and then gave all the boys a thrill by showing some live harmless snakes. In fact, for a couple of boys it was even more thrilling, they got the privilege of petting them.

Our Den is fortunate in having four top fellows as Den Dads. They are Mr. Fooks, Mrs. Godley, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Daffern. They play a active part in our monthly meeting. Mr. Ritz, Mr. Bevins assistant, is out at all the monthly meetings, plus the weekly meetings. Our Den is divided into four Dens with a mother in charge of each Den, a pack denner and an assistant denner. Our denners are George Ritz, Jr., Bruce Bivens, Robert Steinmark, Walter La Rue; our ass. denners are Gregory Wright, Donald Rubach, Rickardo Dickson, Alvin Townsend.

Starting this month, we will have our Den meeting the forth <sup>Friday</sup> evening, instead of the third Friday evening.

The Sunday Fix has become a great favorite among our boys. They have been receiving it each week.

Fifteen boys have advanced in rank and twelve boys joined since the first of the year. So as you can see things have really been happening to Pack 57.

Arthur Bevins

We have an opportunity to have a bake sale at the Municipal Election on May 13 in Trinity basement. The proceeds will go to the Sunday School. Can you donate a cake, brownies, or coffee cake; and or, would you spend an hour here as a "saleslady" Call Sarah Hallett Es. 2-3124 Claire Dawson Bl. 3-4304, Ethel Ritz Bl. 3-2308, if you are immediately inspired!

#### CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

A 13 page annual report of the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council was published in January and widely distributed in the city. It has received very favorable comment from many sources. Since the CHNC has special significance to Trinity Church, which has provided much leadership to the council, the Commission on Social Concerns has decided to prepare this summary of the report for the "Clarion".

#### The President's Report - Mr. Winters

Mr. Winters cites the progress and growth of the council during the past year, at the same time pointing out that certain trends threaten to continue. He pays tribute to the many who "give unstintingly of that most precious commodity --- time".

Because Housing and Urban Renewal are essential keys to neighborhood stability, there has been enthusiastic response to the proposal that a 14 block area in Clinton Hill be designated as Urban Renewal. The Councils Liaison and Planning Committee worked locally with Planning Officer Robert Hoover, was drawn up.

A bus trip to Philadelphia by Clinton Hillers and members of other councils revealed many achievements in neighborhood conservation and in

recreation. They increased optimism for our own hopes in these fields.

At the second annual South Side High School Conference in May, many ideas on planning were further advanced. The conference also served as common meeting ground for residents of Clinton Hill to discuss mutual problems and experiences.

Under persistent pressure from the council, after many delays the city has finally purchased the orphanage site at 534 Clinton for park and recreation center.

The Urban Renewal project was threatened by the heavy priority given to missiles and scientific development. Letters to our appointed representatives have resulted in assurances of cooperation in Congress. The importance of establishing middle income and cooperative housing in Clinton Hill is stressed.

A serious problem that menaces the entire program on Clinton Hill is the failure of city officials to enforce city housing code designed to eliminate overcrowding and other blight breeders. Violations by illegal rooming houses are increasing despite the successful fight in the superior court in 1956 by Olga Russell and the Shanley Avenue Civic Association. Not even one of the defendants in that case has been asked to close. The failure of the city to act here strikes a serious blow at community morale.

(Note: Since this annual report was written, Mayor Carlin invited the officers of CHNC to meet with him and the heads of all the city departments to discuss this report. As a result of that meeting city inspectors are now cooperating in this matter of zoning enforcement and a report of their findings has been forwarded to the council).

Mr. Winters called attention to the "amazing success of the Halloween Parade" under the committee headed by the Rev. Curtis B. Geyer. Several thousand children and adults participated in this first organized community Halloween activity in Clinton Hill.

Attention is called to the serious shortage of certain facilities to fulfill the needs of our youth in the recreation field. A public swimming pool is badly needed in this area. Existing recreation facilities need to be used more intensively.

We are a member of the Associated Community Councils which recently elected a member of the Council of Social Agencies. Problems of city wide significance which require coordinated action can be brought to the attention of the Associated Community Councils.

There have been increases in the number of house entries, purse snatching and holdup within the past six months in Clinton Hill. A conference between the council and the Police Department brought assurances of cooperation but incidents continue to occur. Many other individual problems in the field of public safety have been effectively handled by the block branches of the council.

Overcrowding in housing has resulted in overcrowding in classrooms. Some of our schools are antiquated and have little recreation facilities. These important problems will receive unremitting attention from the council.

Little progress has been made in improving rubbish removal. Suggestions for improvements are being forwarded to the Sanitation Division of the city.

Noise nuisances from honking taxis and morning pick-ups will also receive attention.

Baymour Ave. and Peshine Ave. block branches conducted very successful cleanup drives. The appearance of these blocks were greatly improved by these self-help projects.

In 1957, the membership of the Peshine Ave. Branch, points up the ill doubled and many more insult-hazards and injustices resulting from overcrowded and inadequate housing. Future plans. New block branches are of particular importance.

A new constitution has been drawn up and additions will be made in the light of needs and experience. The wide range of activities of the council is indicated by the committees set-up by the new constitution. The committees are: program public affairs, health and sanitation, communications, planning and liaison, budget and finance, education, welfare, welcome, block organizing, zoning, housing, recreation, block steering.

President Stanley Winters conclude his report by stressing the importance of each of the parts that make up the council, the block branches the committees, and the institution. Each plays a unique and vital job in the program of the council.

The council must keep pointed toward the goals which drew us together. We shall grow if our council remains united, a non-partisan, inter-group of non-profit body open to all residents who subscribe to our aims. This will help guarantee that we use our strength in the most effective manner.

The reports of other officers of the council and the block branches followed.

The Rev. Stanley J. Hallett, Vice-President, expresses his appreciation for the many dedicated and conscientious persons who have answered the call for leadership in CHMC. He concludes that this indicates that these people believe: 1) that our community can be maintained and improved as a desirable place in which to live; 2) that the council is proving itself to be a vigorous force for community betterment; 3) that there are pressing community problems which require united action.

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Dr. Alfred E. Finn, Corresponding Secretary CH  
MC, stresses the importance of pleas  
ant garden type apartment project to  
retain the essential middle-income  
group within the city.

Stanley Aronowitz, Vice-Chairman Pe  
rhine Ave. Branch, presents a propos  
al for an anti-discrimination ordinan  
ce for the city of Newark. He sug  
gests that over-crowding in rooming  
houses due to discrimination against min  
ority groups in private multiple  
dwellings in many parts of the city.

Miss Olga M. Russell, Vice-President  
presents the Halloween Parade as the  
most important council activity of  
the year. It was a pleasant experi  
ence involving many people. It also  
demonstrated the need for organized  
youth activities in Clinton Hill.

The financial report of Dr. Abraham  
M. Kuzareck, Treasurer of C.H.M.C  
concludes the reports of the council  
officers.

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